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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, GOY HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION FOR USE AT DEC 14 HEARINGS. LETTER STRESSES IMPORTANCE GOY ATTACHES TO INCLUSION OF "OTHER DRUGS" AND "BRADS, NAILS" IN US GENERALIZED SYSTEM PRO PREFERENCES (GSP). ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONVEY CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE TO TPSC IN TIME FOR HEARINGS BEGINNING DEC 14. END SUMMARY.

2. YUGOSLAV FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT LETTER DATED DEC 13 RESPONDS TO REQUEST FROM TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITION OF OTHER DRUGS (TSUS 407.85) AND BRADS, NAILS (TSUS 646.25 AND 646.26) TO LIST OF PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR US GSP. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

" WITH REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF THE 1ST DECEMBER 1976, (EMBASSY NOTE: DEC 1 LETTER CONVEYED TPSC REQUEST REFTEL), WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS WHICH ARE COVERED BY THE UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THE DATA REFER TO YUGOSLAV EXPORTS, TOTAL AND TO THE UNITED STATES,
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WHILE THE OTHER DATA ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS MOMENT.

YEAR YUGOSLAV/ SITC NO.	EXPORTS IN KILOS	QUANTITY IN US DOLS	VALUE	PERCENTAGE
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A. BRADS, NAILS

OR WIRE:

1974	694-11-10	TOTAL	12,789,359	4,471,122	100
"	TO USA		10,966,899	3,887,215	86
1975	"	TOTAL	7,043,695	2,242,998	100
"	TO USA		5,964,645	1,930,434	86

B. VITAMINS

1974	541-10-10	TOTAL	290,902	3,784,484	100
"	TO USA		58,050	981,341	26
1975	"	TOTAL	325,001	2,873,856	100
"	TO USA		12,350	85,470	3

C. OTHER SULFONAMIDS:

1974	512-86-90	TOTAL	704,400	5,604,885	100
"	TO USA		238,290	1,675,831	30
1975	"	TOAAL	1,113,864	6,817,232	100
"	TO USA		306,100	1,934,028	28

"WE WISH TO STRESS THAT THE INCLUSION OF THESE PRODUCTS
IN

THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES IS VITAL FOR THE
INDUSTRIES CONCERNED. MOREOVER, THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR A
STEADY MAINTENANCE OF THE BALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. THE BALANCE OF TRADE ACHIEVED IN THE COURSE OF THIS
YEAR HAS PROVED TO HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALL YUGOSLAV-
AMERICAN RELATIONS AND WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES WILL DO THEIR
UTMOST TO SECURE, IN FUTURE, STABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND
ECONOMIC RELATIONS."

2. WITH RESPECT TO PERCENTAGE REQUESTED PARA 2-E REFTTEL:

EXPORTS OF EACH PRODUCT AS PERCENTAGE OF:

1975	TOTAL YUGOSLAV EXPORTS	YUGOSLAV EXPORTS TO U.S.
BRADS, NAILS	0.05	0.07
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VITAMINS	0.07	MINIMAL
SULFONAMIDS	0.17	0.07

3. IN TURNING OVER LETTER TO EMBASSY OFFICER, FOREIGN TRADE
SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO SUPPLEMENT IN-
FORMATION IN LETTER AND TO UNDERLINE KEEN INTERESTS OF GOY
IN HAVING THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN US GSP:

A. YUGOSLAV EXPORTS OF BRADS, NAILS AND OTHER DRUGS IN

1976 ARE RUNNING AT "ONLY" SAME RATE AS IN 1975 ON THE BASIS OF NINE-MONTH FIGURES.

B. YUGOSLAVIA IS USING ONLY ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR OTHER DRUGS AND ABOUT 70 PERCENT FOR BRADS AND NAILS.

C. WITH RESPECT TO BRADS AND NAILS, YUGOSLAVS FACE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM OF MARKETING OUTPUT OF WIRE-DRAWING MILL JUST COMPLETED BY U.S. STEEL FOR ENTERPRISE RMK ZENICA WITH ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 30M TONS OF NAILS OR WIRE MESH.

D. THUS, WHILE YUGOSLAV EXPORTS OF ABOVE PRODUCTS REPRESENT SMALL PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TRADE, THE OFFICIAL CONCLUDED, THEIR INCLUSION IN GSP WOULD PROVIDE BENEFICIAL EXPORT STIMULUS FOR PROBLEM-STRICKEN SEGMENTS OF YUGOSLAV INDUSTRY.

4. EMBASSY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT LETTER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONVEY CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE TO TPSC IN TIME FOR HEARINGS BEGINNING DEC 14.
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